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## ON THE COVER:

General Mark Clark, President of the Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina, was a recent visitor on the college campus. He is pictured on the cover with Dr. Cromer and Mrs. Clark after having addressed the college student body.

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## *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

My Fellow Alumni:

The Fall of 1956 at Lenoir Rhyne has been noteworthy in several respects. In September 900 students were enrolled for the fall semester and this is the largest number ever to be enrolled at our college. This record enrollment is only a small increase over recent years. Under the pressure of the mounting number of worthy applicants we simply crowded a few more into the same space.

Homecoming on October 27 was a memorable occasion. The largest number of alumni and friends ever to gather on the campus for this occasion was present. Many were delighted to meet more of their classmates and close associates of former years than they had been in a long time. In addition to the usual attractions of homecoming, an extra feature was inspection of Monroe Auditorium and Shuford Memorial Gymnasium, now nearing completion. The whole day was as nearly perfect as a homecoming could be and undoubtedly its memory will heighten the attraction of such events in the future.

Another highlight is the North State football championship won by the Bears. This season's perfect record added to the 1955 championship gives an extraordinary period of excellence in football competition.

Another enterprise nearing completion this fall is the production of a master plan for the long-range development of the college. This plan is being devised with the services of an educational consultant, Dr. Orville Dahl, who is a specialist in this field. All who are zealous for a greater Lenoir Rhyne will be excited and challenged by the scope and merits of this plan when it is released.

These are a few of the facts that make the closing months of 1956 noteworthy in my mind. I share them with you, as we move into 1957 and the years beyond, that we LR Alumni may tighten our grip and quicken our step as we march ahead in the service of our alma mater.

VOIGT R. CROMER.

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## *"LET US LOOK TO THE FUTURE"*

Dear Fellow-Alumni,

There are many things our Association could be doing. We would broaden our scope by organizing new Chapters and re-activating existing ones. Some steps are now being taken in that direction, but this takes time and you will hear more about that later.

Right now the most challenging and most needed thing is the development and expansion of our Loyalty Fund Program. This Program, set up some three or four years ago with good success, was not pushed during the Building Fund Campaign. But now with two of the new buildings nearly completed it is necessary that we revive and re-emphasize this very vital asset to our beloved College. Lenoir Rhyne has meant so much in the lives of so many people. She needs and deserves our loyal support in her ever expanding service to young men and women.

The quality of any College is judged by the degree of active participation exhibited by its Alumni in support of its program. We cannot afford to let our College down in this respect. With pride and thankfulness we should strive toward 100% participation in this urgent and worthy objective of the

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# COLLEGE

## Capacity Enrollment Opens First Semester

Lenoir Rhyne College had its sixty-sixth formal opening Friday morning, September 15, in St. Andrew's Lutheran Church on the College Campus.

Close to 900 students, faculty members, and distinguished guests were on hand for the initial meeting of the student body.

Dr. Voigt R. Cromer, president of Lenoir Rhyne college, addressed the group, welcoming all freshmen, new students, faculty members and guests.

Some 2,750,000 students are on campuses throughout the United States this year, according to Dr. Cromer.

Following the President's address, Mayor Donald S. Menzies, the Reverend Robert B. Campbell, the Reverend Albert H. Keck, Jr., and Paulwyn Boliek, president of the student body, extended greetings to the student body.

Approximately 900 were enrolled, according to Dr. E. L. Setzler, Dean of Lenoir Rhyne college. This figure nears the record enrollment of 928 set at the beginning of the second term of 1954.

About one-third of the student body are freshmen and one-year commercial students. There are 275 freshmen this year as compared to 250 in 1955.

## *Fifty-nine Initiated Into Social Groups*

Fifty-nine freshmen and upperclassmen accepted bids issued recently by six social organizations on campus.

The Philias led the sorority group pledging eight women for future membership. Doris Alexander, Elizabeth Barnhardt, Martha Jo Cline, Jean Efird, Mickey Kirby, Rosemary Koontz, Helen Romeo, and Linda Summey accepted the Philia invitations.

The Sphinx welcomed five freshmen into membership. They are Mary Lee Short, Barbara Copley, Kay Spencer, Janice Carpenter, and Ann Goodman.

The Les Amies boosted their membership to twenty-one after the initiation of Lucille Ritchie, Sandy Burris, Chris Maugans, and Pat Hawley.

Tau Kappa Epsilon claimed the largest number of prospective neophytes with 19 interested men who are as follows: Carroll Barthalomew, Harlan Bowman, Guss Carpenter, Charles Fetzner, Neal Harbinson, Harvey Leonhart, Ray Maddox, Joe Moretz, E. B. Morgan, Bob Peeler, Ray Ritchie, Buzz Roseman, Troy Scoggins, Larry Sherrill, Wendell Strayhorn, Frank Yost, Frank Yount, Ed Payne, and Robert Ward.

Fifteen freshmen—13 dormitory and two day students—pledged Theta Chi and are as follows: Ross Jarvis, Douglas Walker, Allan Kagey, James Sifford, Gary Allman, John Merck, Micheal Keever, Max Jarvis, Johnny Fisher, William Walker, Don Shook, Delwin Curtis, Bob Bloh, Bill Mitchum, and Lucky Joe Whitman.

Sigma Phi Epsilon announced the pledging of ten men as a result of the fall rush program. They are: Richard Brittain, Eddie Goodnight, Charles Hayes, Mickey Harwood, Thad Lineberger, David Lutz, Ken Norman, Robert Petree, Ted Proctor, John Moose, Poncho Sivils, Larry Campbell, Shadow Turner, Al LaTorre, and C. V. Lafavers.

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# Five New Faculty Members Introduced At Opening Of 1956 Fall Session

Five new faces were prevalent within the faculty group at the opening of the fall 1956 session. Each holding a prominent position in the curricular program they are as follows:



**GEORGE SPENCE:** If experience is as great a teacher as the old proverb claims, our drama department is in for a big boost. Taking over as head man in this field is George Spence.

Mr. Spence, a native of Elizabeth City, appeared as the villain in

**The Lost Colony** for eight consecutive summers. This summer he had a secondary lead in **Horn in the West**. A graduate of Wake Forest College, he secured his Master's Degree in drama from U. N. C. His dramatic experience includes work in the Wake Forest, Concord, and Raleigh Little Theatres, Carolina Playmakers, and Roanoke Island School of Fine Arts.

Prior to coming to L. R., Mr. Spence taught at A. L. Brown High School in Kannapolis. During the three years he was there, fourteen plays were produced.

He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity and the honorary dramatic fraternity Alpha Psi Omega.

**SID WILSON:** Most all of us remember the championship teams Lenoir Rhyne turned out in 1951 and 1952. Co-captain of the 1952 outfit was Sid Wilson, the new member of Lenoir Rhyne's coaching staff.



Before he graduated Coach Wilson saw four years of action at quarterback and line-backer and was named to the All-North State Conference team when he was a senior.

Upon leaving service, the Naval Air Corps, Wilson taught in Pennsylvania at Carlisle High School. This summer he did graduate work at Pennsylvania State College.

Replacing Mac Erwin who moved to Catawba, Coach Wilson will handle end coaching and scouting for the Bears. He is also counselor in Fritz Hall.

**MRS. GEO. SPENCE:** Is originally from Cumberland, Kentucky, where she was valedictorian of her high school class.



She graduated from Wake Forest College with a major in history and obtained a Master's Degree in education from the University of North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Spence were married three years ago. She also taught at Brown High School in Kannapolis, where she coached the debating team.

Mrs. Spence shares her husband's interest in dramatics. For two years she took part in **The Lost Colony** and this summer played a difficult role in **Horn in the West**. She is also a member of Alpha Psi Omega, honorary dramatic fraternity.

Both the Spences like the college already and are glad to be a part of Lenoir Rhyne.



**DR. DAVID Y. P. CHOU:** A native of China, Dr. Chou succeeded Dr. Conrad B. Park in the chemistry department. He came to Lenoir Rhyne from St. Augustine College in Raleigh, where he served as head of the chemistry department.

Dr. Chou completed his secondary education in China and earned a B. S. degree in applied chemistry at the Tokyo Institute in Japan. Also, he did three years of post-graduate work at the University of Tokyo before coming to America in 1951.

June 1954 saw Dr. Chou receive the Ph. D. degree in chemistry from Ohio State University, where he also served as research assistant while completing his doctorate.

Ohio State University also highly recommended the China native.

Dr. Chou's family consists of his wife—a graduate nurse and former member of the Lutheran Mission in China—and their two-year-old son, Timmy.

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Fourteen Lenoir Rhyne college campus leaders were recently named to the distinct honor of *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. Selected for their outstanding contributions to the extra-curricular activities at Lenoir Rhyne they are as follows: (left to right, back row) Gordon Ward, Durham; Bill Dameron, Bessemer City; Roy Short, Gastonia; Tom Gardner, Fayetteville; Karl Kinard, Columbia, S. C. Back row: Paulwyn Boliek, Greenville, S. C.; Shirley Keaton, Charleston, S. C.; Ann Isenhour, Salisbury; Trudy Castor, Newport, Tenn.; Jacqueline Baumgartner, Brunswick, Ga. Front row: Paul Fogleman, Chapel Hill; Carolyn Todd, Walhalla, S. C.; Shirley Hefner, Hickory; Ann Wilfong, Hickory.

## FOURTEEN CAMPUS LEADERS NAMED TO NATIONAL HONOR

Fourteen campus leaders—13 seniors and one junior—were accorded an unusual honor when they were named as Lenoir Rhyne College's candidates for WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

These individuals are Carolyn Todd, Walhalla, S. C.; Gordon Ward, Durham; Ann Wilfong, Hickory; Thomas Gardner, Fayetteville; Paul Fogleman, Chapel Hill; Trudy Castor, Newport, Tenn.; Bill Dameron, Bessemer City; Shirley Keaton, Charleston, S. C.; Karl Kinard, Columbia, S. C.; Roy Short, Gastonia; Paulwyn Boliek, Greenville, S. C.; and Jackie Baumgartner, Brunswick, Ga.

These leaders were selected because of their outstanding service to the college in their respective fields.

An active participant and supporter of Lenoir Rhyne athletics, Bill Dameron is captain of the 1956 football team and president of the Letterman's Club. He is a four-year football star.

An English major, Roy Short is currently serving as president of both Sigma Phi Epsi-



len and the Interfraternity Council. He is also a member of the Hacawa Staff.

Thomas Gardner, a triple major—English, French and history—is serving as business manager of the Hacawa and is a member of the editorial staff of the Lenoir Rhynean, Iota Epsilon Omega, Sigma Phi Epsilon, the Band and YDC. He is an assistant in the philosophy department and was included in the cast of Sabrina Fair.

Shirley Keaton is president of the Women's Hall commission, and has been active in religious work through the LSA, in the Religious Council and is the recipient of a Lutheran Brotherhood Scholarship. She is vice-president of the YWCA, a dininghall worker, a member of Philia sorority, a religious education major and has been a May Day attendant.

A music major—minister of music prospect—Karl Kinard has served in various capacities in his field including Mu Beta Tau, Music Club, Music Educators National Conference and a cappella choir. He is a member of Theta Chi.

A day student, Ann Wilfong, who has made outstanding contributions in the field of debating, is a member of Alpha Tau Kappa, Pi Kappa Delta, past president of the Literary Society and an associate editor of the Lenoir Rhynean. She is an English-French major and a member of the day student LSA.

Paul Fogleman, the lone junior named to the select group, is editor of the Lenoir Rhynean, an instigator of the new Literary Magazine, treasurer of Iota Epsilon Omega, historian of Tau Kappa Epsilon and member of the news staff of the Public Relations Department. A French and history major, he is a cheerleader and a member of the playmakers, LSA and the tumbling team.

The business manager of the Lenoir Rhynean, Trudy Castor, has served as a member of the Student Cabinet, YWCA, as vice-president of the ACE, Philia sorority, LSA, and was a dining hall and a May Day attendant. She is an elementary education major.

Paulwyn Bolick, president of the student body, has carved a niche for himself in public speaking by attaining membership in Alpha Tau Kappa and Pi Kappa Delta. He served as business manager of the Lenoir Rhynean, 1955-56, and is a member of Iota Epsilon Omega and Theta Chi. Paulwyn also held a position as cheerleader for three years.

The president of the Philia sorority, Jackie Baumgartner, has contributed to the religious activities of the college through the Religious Council and the LSA. She is a member of the YWCA, Women's hall commission and also of the Interfraternity Council.

Carolyn Todd, a current member of the Student Cabinet, has been outstanding in religious activities, serving as president of the Religious Council and as co-president of the LSA. She won the Lutheran Brotherhood Scholarship and is an elementary education and Bible major. She is a member of the Sphinx sorority.

Another senior who enjoys religious work, Gordon Ward has served as regional president of LSA, national LSA Stewardship secretary, co-president of local LSA and superintendent of the college Sunday school. He is a member of the Religious Council, Mu Beta Tau, Kappa Chi and the a cappella choir.

Shirley Hefner, a day student, has become familiar to the student body by serving as its secretary-treasurer. Besides her extracurricular activities she is president of ACE and a member of Mu Sigma Epsilon. She was chaplain of her junior class and represented the ACE at the International Conference in Washington.

Ann Isenhour, who has been particularly active in journalistic programs on the campus, is serving as managing editor of the Lenoir Rhynean and president of Iota Epsilon Omega honorary journalistic fraternity. Her additional outside interests include the Philia sorority and the Future Teachers of America.

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## Iota Epsilon Omega Initiates Eight Outstanding Students Into Membership

Iota Epsilon Omega, the honorary journalistic fraternity of Lenoir Rhyne college, recently initiated eight students into membership.

Selected for outstanding contributions made to the campus publications, the new initiates are as follows: Mac Brawley, Mooresville; Tom Einstein, Hickory; Tom Gardner, Fayetteville; Wanda Hearne, Kannapolis; Sally Koppen, Gastonia; Eddie Setzler, Hickory; Edgar Trexler, Mount Pleasant; and Ann Wilfong, Hickory.

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The national honorary society for students showing a creative interest in journalism was established on the Lenoir Rhyne campus in 1948. The Hacawa, the campus yearbook, the Lenoir Rhynean, the weekly newspaper, and the Alumni Bulletin, a quarterly publication, are the three circulars representative of student work.

The present membership of the organization now numbers sixteen.





Leading cast of **SABRINA FAIR**. Left to right: Wanda Hearne, Sabrina; Charles Fetzer, Linus Larrabee, Jr.; Bob Peeler, David Larrabee; Elberta Coulter, Maude Larrabee.

## *Playmakers Present First Production* *"Sabrina Fair"—November 16-17*

The Lenoir Rhyne Playmakers presented *Sabrina Fair*, their initial 1956-57 production November 16 and 17 at the Hickory High school auditorium under the direction of George Spence.

The Playmakers tackled the job of putting on *Sabrina Fair* and did an outstanding job on it, according to audience reaction.

*Sabrina Fair* is a modern version of the Cinderella fable. Sabrina is the daughter of the family chauffeur for the Larrabees who are staggeringly wealthy and impeccably genteel. Fearfully brilliant and educated, she comes home from Paris where she has done a stunning job in a United States overseas branch.

Sabrina has come home to see if she is still in love with the elder Larrabee son, Linus, a cynical tycoon who has taken over the family fortune. Once at home, it's the younger son who pursues her, aided by his brother; and there's also a rich Frenchman who follows her from Paris to

see if she will marry him. Both of these young men dangle in the air hopefully, but it's the elder son she loves, and at last, after a most amusing scene in which Sabrina's chauffeur father reveals that he, too, is a millionaire in his own right. Sabrina wins the man that she loves.

The cast of characters was: Sabrina, Wanda Hearne; Maude Larrabee, Elberta Coulter; Julia, Suzanne Covington; Linus Larrabee, Jr., Charles Fetzer; Linus Larrabee, Sr., C. V. Lafavers; Margaret, Nell Mauney; David Larrabee, Bob Peeler; Gretchen, Georgann Alexander; Fairchild, Henry Patterson; a young man, Ray Ritchie; a young woman, Kay Fulp; another young man, Keith Boyles; another young woman, Sonja Sloop; and Paul, Tom Gardner.

The staff included Director Spence; student director, Sue Lipe; prompter, Joe Troutman; technical director, Jim Reinhardt; stage crew, Joe Troutman, Gary

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# Turkey Day Honor Captured By Hawn At Campus Election

Miss Lenoir Rhyne—the distinct honor that comes with the annual Lenoir Rhyne-Catawba Turkey Day contest—was Miss Jo Ann Hawn, a brown-eyed beauty from Winston-Salem.

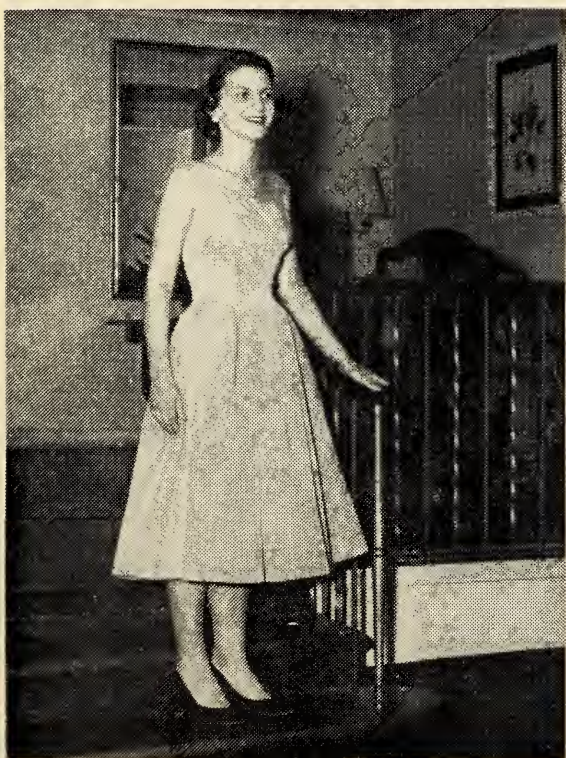
The highlighting recognition for Jo Ann and Miss Catawba came during the half-time ceremonies of the Thanksgiving grid-iron clash when the two beauties exchanged flowers in mid-field.

Iota Epsilon Omega journalistic fraternity, sponsor of the campus election, also awarded Jo Ann with a special gift.

In addition to this latest honor, she was recognized by Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity by being selected as the chapter sweetheart.

Along with beauty and personality, Jo Ann has been an outstanding participant in the campus activities. She is vice president of the Philia sorority, exchange editor of the Lenoir Rhynean, president of the Mauney hall commission, vice-president of Iota Epsilon Omega, treasurer of the senior class, and co-circulation manager of the new creative writing publication.

She is an English-Spanish major.



MISS HAWN



Freshman officers (above ar left to right, Lucky Joe Whitman, chaplain; Billy Belley, president; Rose Mary Koontz, secretary, and Doug Walker, vice-president. Historian Janice Miller was not present when the picture was made.

## Five New Faculty Faces

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**RAYMOND M. STRUNK:** The new assistant professor of business administration, a native of Pennsylvania, is Raymond M. Strunk of 608 Brady Ave., Newton.

In addition to his new position on the faculty, Strunk is also head of the accounting department of Clevenger Business College.

Other positions held by Strunk include instructor in accounting, Coker College, Hartsville, S. C., 1949-50; instructor in accounting, Clevenger, 1950-51; and Dean of Clevenger College for secretaries, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1951-52.

Well qualified for the position, the new assistant professor holds a B. S. degree in Commerce (cum laude) from Catawba College, a 1949 graduate, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of North Carolina in 1955.

Strunk served in the military during 1952-54, serving as an Industrial Cost Auditor for the U. S. Government.

He is married and has one son.







They cheer for the Bears. From left to right: Don Roberts, Sally Koppen, Joe Moretz, Pat Beatty, Paul Fogleman, Ann Taylor. Kneeling, Luther Boliek, head cheerleader.



The following men (left to right) were among those who served as Sidewalk Superintendents at Lenoir Rhyne college Homecoming during the inspection tours of the P. E. Monroe auditorium and the Shuford Memorial gymnasium, Dr. D. Miles Aderholdt, Henry River; Dr. J. Frank Davis, Wilmington; Dr. R. Brown McAllister, Concord; Dr. Carl V. Cline, Hickory; Mr. Glenn Ketner, Salisbury; Dr. Voigt R. Cromer, Hickory; Rev. Frank K. Efird, Salisbury; Dr. Malcolm Palmer, Albemarle; Rev. J. White Iddings, Albemarle; Dr. F. L. Conrad, Salisbury; Dr. Harry E. Isenhour, Salisbury.



# Stirewalts Complete European Tour; 'It's Good To Be Back' Said Professor

"It feels good to be back and get my bones warm again after being in damp, cool weather most of the summer," was the comment made by Dr. Martin Luther Stirewalt, Jr., professor of Ancient languages at Lenoir Rhyne college.

Dr. and Mrs. Stirewalt were chosen by the Division of College and University Work of the National Lutheran Council to act as counselors to 15 college students from all parts of the United States.

The group made a two-month tour of Europe, meeting, discussing and having recreation with European religious leaders and students, leaving July 6 and returning to the states September 4.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Stirewalt spoke freely about their experiences during the trip.

"Of all the churches, cathedrals and museums we saw, the friendships we made meant the most," Mrs. Stirewalt said rather sentimentally.

Following the conferences at Paris, France; Vienna, Austria; and Berlin, Germany, members of the group were given free time for personal travel.

Dr. and Mrs. Stirewalt went to Salzburg, Austria, for the Mozart Festival, which marked the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the great Austrian composer, Wolfgang Mozart. There the Stirewalts heard several concerts.

Next the Hickory couple went to London, where they saw Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Clemmer, and daughter, Mickey, of Hickory.

After three days in London, Dr. and Mrs. Stirewalt went to Copenhagen, Denmark. They started their journey home following several days of sightseeing in Copenhagen.

How much difficulty did you have understanding what the people of Europe said and vice versa?

"Even the kids that went with us couldn't understand me, let alone the people there," Mrs. Stirewalt laughed.

Dr. and Mrs. Stirewalt also attended the Bach Festival in Ansbach, Germany. Mrs. Stirewalt pointed out that she had a rather unusual experience while there.

It seems that Mrs. Stirewalt was sitting beside a Lutheran nun or deaconess during one of the concerts. Immediately after the concert the nun looked up at Mrs. Stirewalt and excitedly said in German, "Ahhh—das was herrlishe musik."

Mrs. Stirewalt—understanding "herrlish music"—was completely baffled until she



DR. AND MRS. STIREWALT

found out later that "herrlish" meant glorious in German.

While in Paris, Mrs. Stirewalt ordered breakfast in French. She meant to order coffee and bread. However, she got her French mixed up a little bit and used the French word for foot instead of bread.

When she was asked what happened, she replied disgustingly, "The waitress looked at me like a nut and handed me a roll."

## Playmakers Present First

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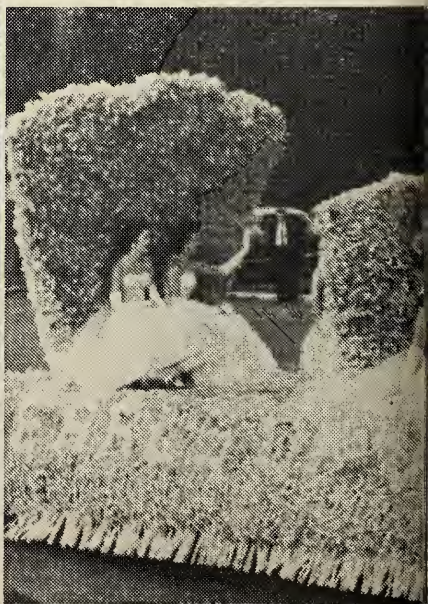
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# HOMECCO

Homecoming highlights 1956. A pictorial review of the 1956 Lenoir Rhyolite homecoming is presented in clockwise fashion beginning with top left. Tailback Walter Cornwell is shown crashing through the Emory and Henry line at the evening gridiron contest; the peppy majorettes with drum majorette Nancy Holshouser pause for picture before leading the "Snappers."

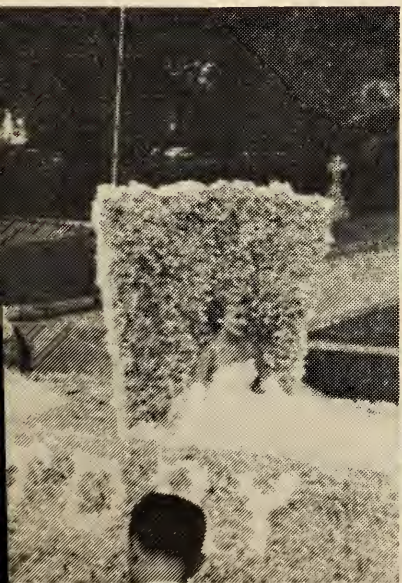






# ING 1956

ty"; crowds gather to look over the progress of the new Shuford Gymnasium; student body president Paulwyn Boliek crowns Nelva Cornwell Homecoming queen at the half-time ceremonies; the freshman class float; Sigma Phi Epsilon's Pearls of Vicetory"; Tau Kappa Epsilon's winning entry, "The Bear Bandwagon"; A group of alumni enjoying barbecue feast.







## 1956 NORTH STATE CHAMPS



## Bears Climax Greatest Gridiron Season With Victory Over Catawba

Lenoir Rhyne's mighty grid warriors climaxed another great season on Thanksgiving day when they trounced Catawba, 28-0, to claim their second loop title in a row.

The Bears romped through 10 opponents to end the season undefeated and untied.

Statistically, the 1956 campaign was one of the greatest yet. The Bruins scored 380 points to rank as the nation's number one small college outfit in scoring. The point

total also set a new Loop standard, the old one being 366 by the '52 Bears.

Individually, Lenoir Rhyne placed eight men on the All-North State Conference squad—end Hume Collins, tackles Leveo Sperotto and Bill Dameron, guard Arden Ray, center Allan LaTorre, and backs Harold Bullard, Walt Cornwell, and Dean Cline.

Collins, LaTorre, Ray, Cornwell, and

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Bullard were all unanimous choices for the dream team and the other three just missed by a hair.

Bullard established himself as one of the loop's greatest all-time backs by blasting enemy forward walls for 1,075 yards on 153 carries and scoring 16 touchdowns, both tops in conference play.

The "Rockingham Rocket" climaxed a great season by leading the Bears over Catawba with 167 yards on the turf and two touchdowns on runs of 73 and 47 yards.

Cornwell, the other half of the famed "touchdown twins", gained 57 yards on the ground although missing much of three contests. He also tallied 11 TD's to rank behind Bullard in that department.

The Bears opened their 1956 campaign against a comparatively easy foe, Newport News Apprentice School. But they romped 67-0 and used the regulars very little. Bob Miller played his first game as a tailback in this tilt and scored four TD's. Ronnie Hoffman's 75-yard dash was the highlight of the romp.

The following week, competition stiffened and the Bears were forced to score in the final seconds to edge Wofford, 13-7. However, they were without the services of Cornwell and the outside attack suffered considerably.

Newberry felt the brunt of the LR attack next. The Bruins ran up a 35-7 mar-

gin but the Indians came back with a devastating passing attack to pull within a 35-25 score, the final count. Cornwell returned to action in this one and scored on runs of 40 and 30 yards.

Bullard finally hit his peak against Appalachian in the fourth game of the season. The "Bull" tallied twice and romped for 136 yards in leading LR to a 32-0 victory, their first loop win of the year.

The next week, they had an easy time disposing of Guilford, 61-7. Bullard continued his rampage on loop foes, gaining 170 yards on the turf and scoring on 43 and 41-yard dashes.

Western Carolina was expected to give the Bruins trouble and they did for a half but the Bears got hot after intermission and won going away, 35-0. Cornwell's 89-yard kickoff return broke the contest wide open.

Then came the battle of the unbeaten, Lenoir Rhyne and Emory & Henry. The Bears displayed their wares in front of a large Homecoming gathering to win, 25-6. Cornwell again proved the turning point, going 80 yards this time to paydirt.

Lenoir Rhyne hit their peak against a big East Carolina squad, winning 57-12. Bullard ran wild in this game, scoring four TD's and gaining 112 yards.

It was cold in Burlington the following week, but the Bears remained hot, tri-

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Ace Campbell, Bear fullback, takes to the air to plunge for one of the touchdowns scored by the North State champion Bears against a hapless Guilford eleven, 61-7. Other Bears shown in the action photo are tailback Billy Page, guard Maurice Sives, center Joe Murphy, Hankie McCrorie and Glenn Link.



## Bear Cagers Set For 22 Game Season Ahead

Now that the Bears have put away their football gear until the 1957 season, basketball has burst into the limelight.

Coach Jim "Pappy" Hamilton has five lettermen back from last season, including Little All-American center Raeford Wells and guard Walt Cornwell, the co-captains.

Wells will be banked on heavily to supply the Bears with a top scoring punch through a tough 22-game schedule, plus the North State tournament.

The other three lettermen returning are guard Tommy Sellari and forwards Johnny James and Frank Cline. These five boys are the starters but the reserve power will have to come from a bevy of freshman candidates.

Top frosh are forwards Ken Norman, Don Bowman, Harland Bowman, and Leonard Aurand; center Bobby Smith; and guards Eddie Goodnight, Edwin Payne, Tommy McCormick, and David Craft. Smith at 6'7" and Norman at 6'5" will give much needed height to the Bruin squad.

Wells will be out after his eighth conference scoring record this winter. He needs only 76 points to break the individual career scoring total of 2,014 points, set by ECC's Bobby Hodges.

Main attraction of the new season is the possibility that the Bruins will be in their new gym, the Shuford Memorial Gymnas-



Center Raeford Wells (left) and guard Walt Cornwell will co-captain the Lenoir Rhyne cagers this winter. Both boys are seniors embarking on the final year of brilliant hardwood campaigns. Wells is the author of eight conference scoring records and scored 612 points last season. Cornwell is the Bruins' playmaker and averaged 9.0 points a game in 1955-56.

ium, after the Christmas holidays. The new gym will seat 3,660 persons and is one of the finest basketball plants in the Carolinas.

## Bears Climax Greatest

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umphing 27-13. Bullard put on an amazing first-half display of running and ended the night with 150 yards and two scores. His understudy, Jim Campbell, took over in the second half and ground out 84 yards.

Then came the climax of the 1956 grid season. The Bears met Catawba in the traditional Turkey Day classic and the game was for keeps. Catawba could tie the Bears for top honors by winning but they never had the chance. Paced by Bullard and Cornwell in the backfield and Sperotto and Collins in the line, the Bruins more than earned top place.

Overall, Lenoir Rhyne gained a total of 3872 yards to the foes' 1995.

Passing, a rather weak spot on the 1955 club, blossomed into full gear this season. The Bruins connected on 72 of 122 aerials for 1065 yards and 13 TD's.

Quarterbacks Cline and Danny Williams paced the dangerous LR aerial offensive. Cline hit on 16 of 25 tosses for 344 yards while Williams connected on 15 of 24 for 290 yards and five scores.

Certainly it was one of the greatest seasons of any team in North State history and the '56 outfit must be ranked with the best. As one opposing coach put it, "Lenoir Rhyne just doesn't have a weakness. They can run through you or pass over you and the defense is great".

The Bears also had two top Little All-American contenders in Ray and Bullard. Ray made the team last fall and could become the first Bruin to make it twice.

## "LET US LOOK TO THE FUTURE"

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Alumni Association, namely, an annual contribution of any size to the Lenoir Rhyne Loyalty Fund.

ROBERT L. CLEMMER, President.  
General Alumni Association.



# NEWS of THE ALUMNI



John M. McDougall, class of '48, has become a member of the 1956 Million Dollar Round Table of the National Association of Life Underwriters.

Herman Milton Huffman has completed his initial training at Delta Air Lines' flight engineers school at the Atlanta Airport and is now assigned to the airline's Atlanta pilot base.



A native of Burke County, Huffman graduated in 1951 from Lenoir Rhyne and served as Naval aviator in the U. S. Navy from 1951 to February 1956.

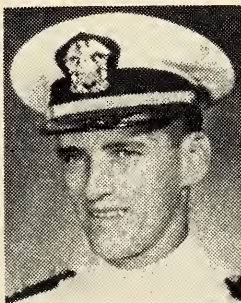
Mrs. Carl G. Pemberton, the former Lelda L. Carpenter, has accepted a position as associate Professor of Education and Social Studies at Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C. Mrs. Pemberton is a graduate of the class of 1922.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., Dr. Connelly C. Gamble was elected Associate Professor of Bibliography and Director of Continuing Education. Dr. Gamble received an A.B. degree from Lenoir Rhyne in 1942 and was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in 1945.

Dr. and Mrs. Booker Dillard have moved from Charlottesville, Va., to Charlotte where Dr. Dillard will practice dermatology. Mrs. Dillard is the former Linda Whate Miller, of Hickory, and class of '49. They have one son, Sam Booker, Jr.

Gladys Carolyn Conner is a member of the faculty of Sebring High School in Sebring, Florida. She graduated from Lenoir Rhyne in '55 with an A.B. degree and a teaching certificate in commercial education.

Joseph Thair Buff, a graduate of the class of 1956, has graduated in the 28th class of the U. S. Navy's Officer Candidate school of Newport, Rhode Island.



Buff was listed as an honor graduate.

To earn this commission, he and his classmates had to complete a seventeen-week, intense course of study and military indoctrination successfully. Having done so, the class members have now reported to their respective ships and stations in the fleet and shore establishments of the Navy. Some will report first to further training, which will be relative to their new duties, then on to their permanent duty stations.

Grace Craig Henderson, '17, died on April 28, 1956.

Don Wampler, '56, is now doing graduate work at the University of North Carolina. He is specializing in the field of business administration.

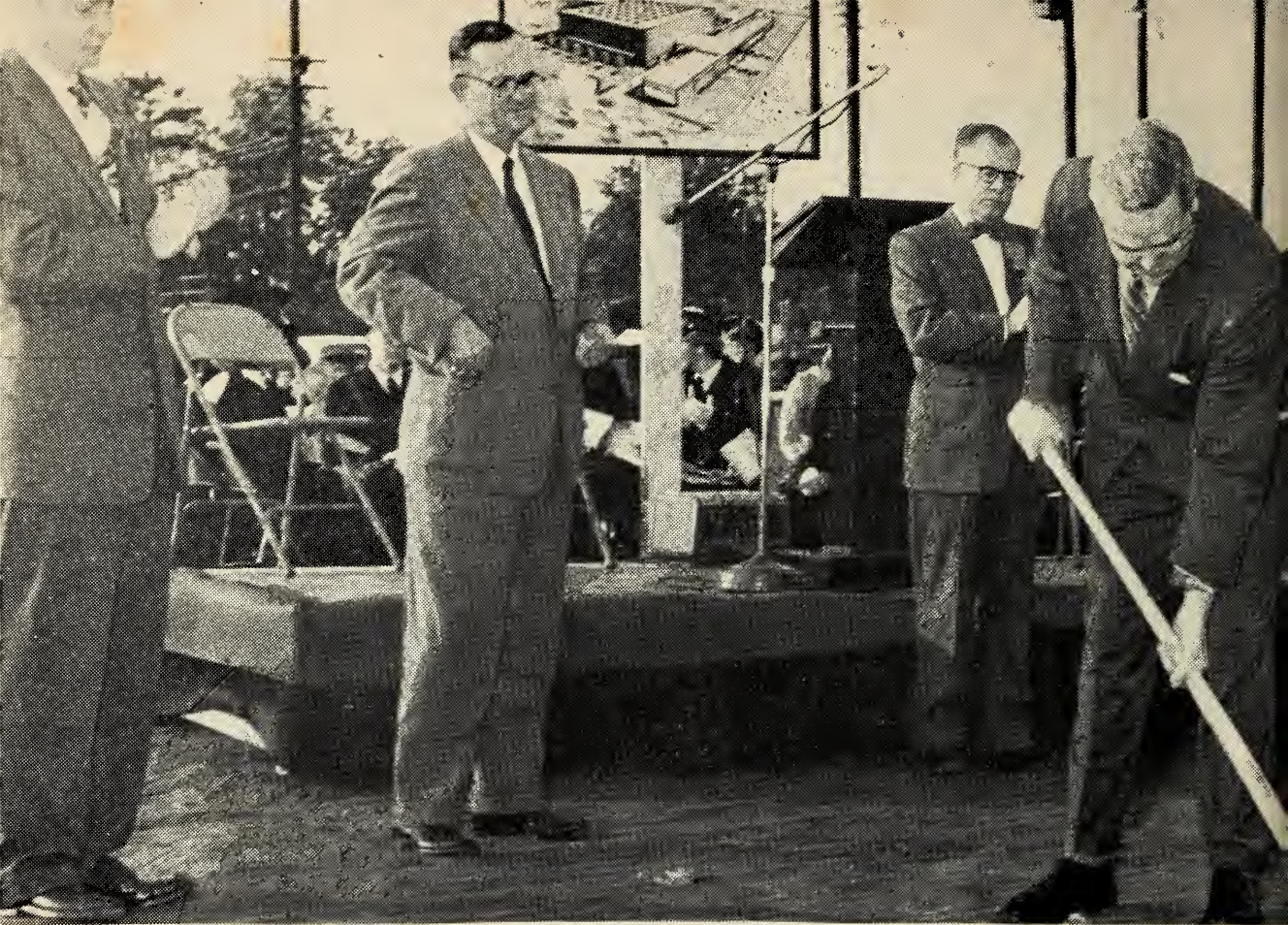
The Rev. Joe E. Caldwell, a native of Hickory, N. C., and member of the Western N. C. Conference of the Methodist Church, has recently began duties as chaplain of the Boys Industrial school in Topeka, Kansas.

Chaplain Caldwell did his college work at Lenoir Rhyne where he graduated in 1939. He received his theological training at Duke University Divinity School in Durham. He served as associate minister of Central Methodist church in Monroe, N. C. and was pastor of Duncan Memorial Methodist church in Charlotte, N. C.

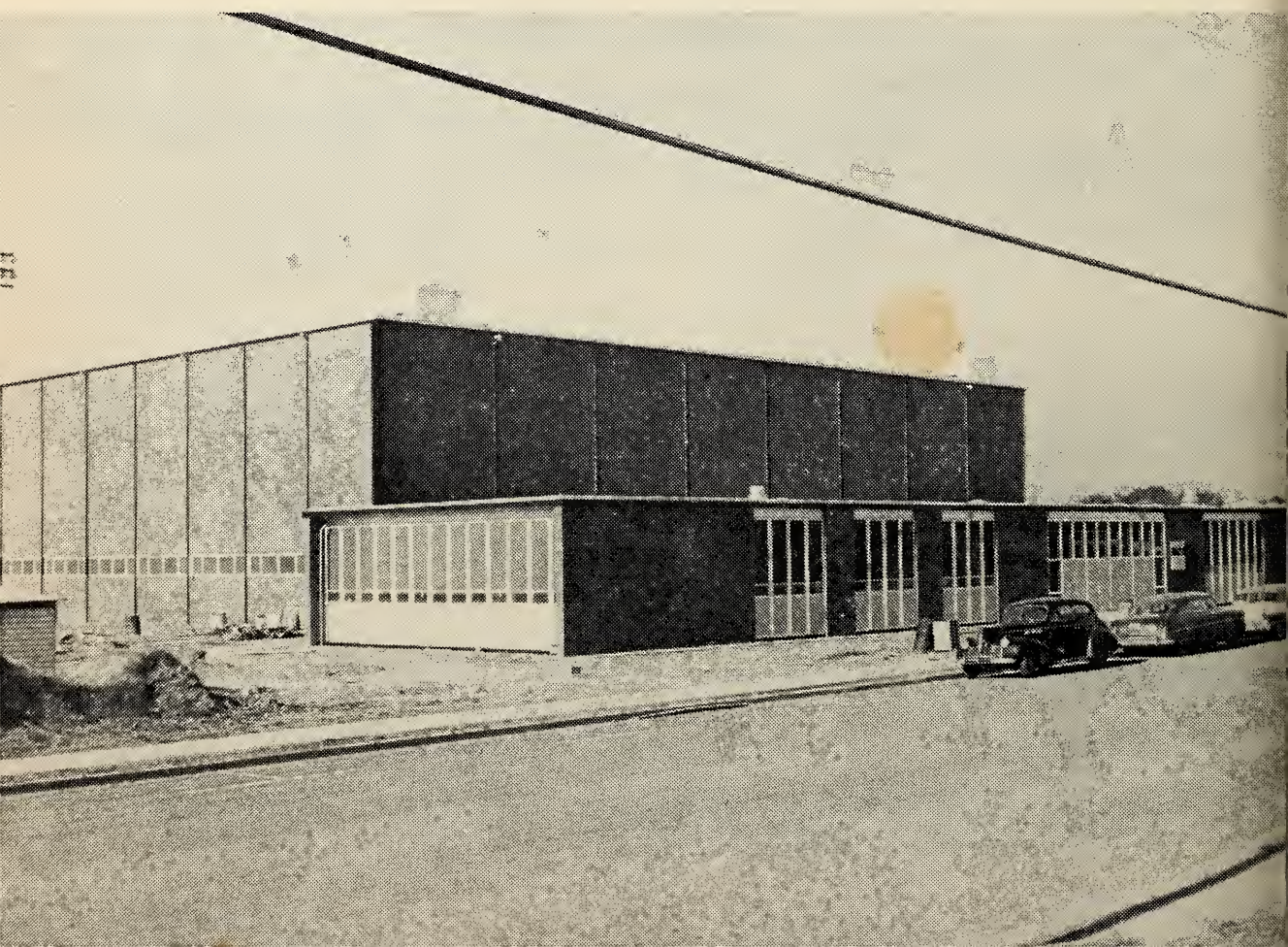
Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell moved to Westmoreland, Kansas, last July, where Rev. Caldwell was Methodist pastor while completing the special training for his present position.

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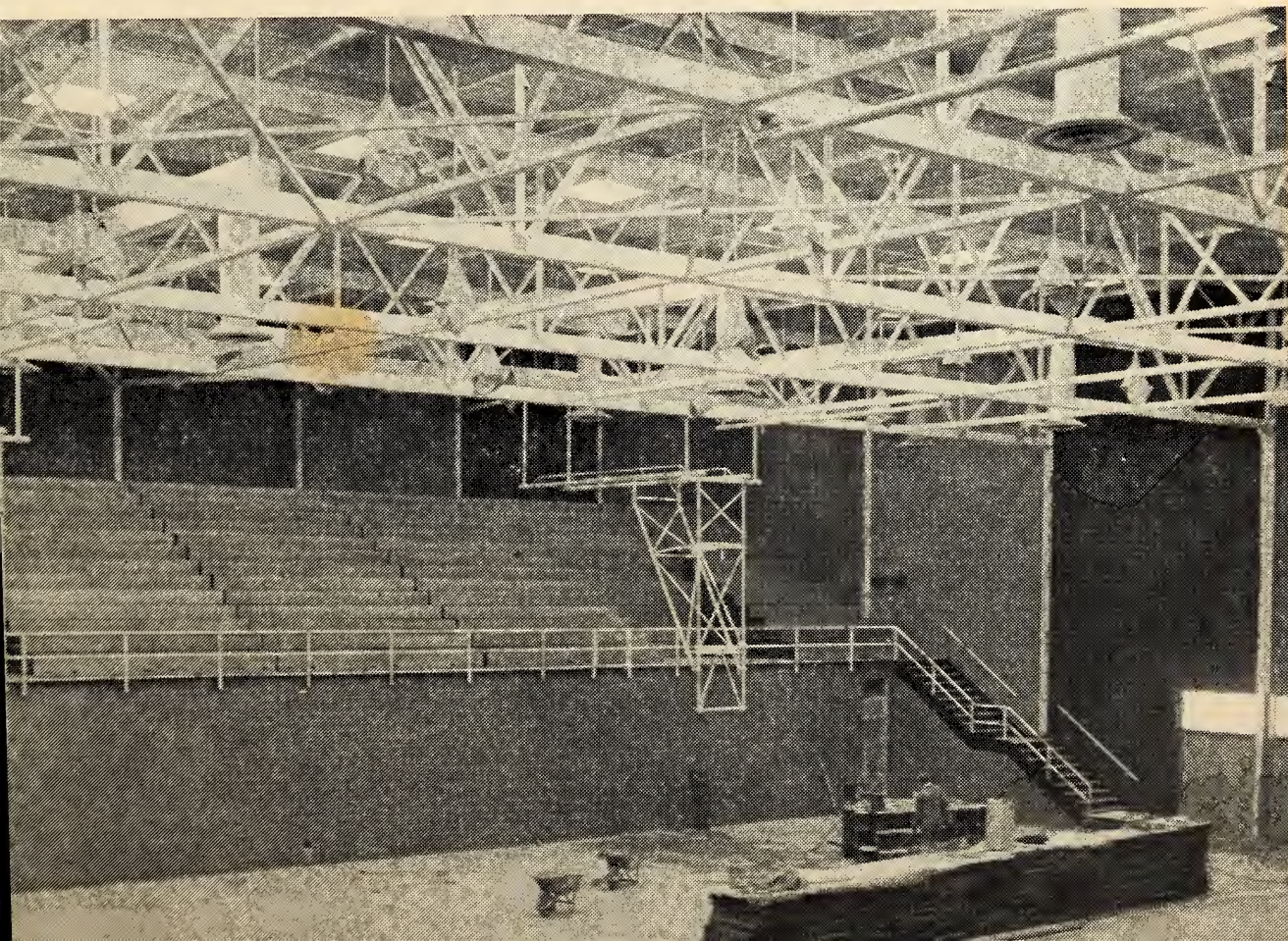
**Lenoir Rhyne College will proudly unveil its new Shuford Memorial Gymnasium sometime in January; however, as yet a definite date has not been set for the formal opening. Top left is the groundbreaking ceremonies with A. Alex Shuford, Jr. doing the chore.**







right is a photo of the foundation being laid; bottom right gives a view of the spa-  
s interior; bottom left is an exterior vision of the huge gym. These four pictures  
v the progress thus far.







Miss Betty Jeanette King, Concord, was married to Marvin Jack Rhyne, Vale. The August 20 wedding took place in Concord. Mrs. Rhyne is a '54 graduate and Mr. Rhyne is a '56 graduate now attending Southern Seminary.

Miss Margaret Eloise Keller, '48, Hudson, was married to Theron Farlow Sophia, in an August 19 wedding.

Miss Ellen Osborne Murr pledged vows to Lee Fishburne on August 11. The wedding took place in Hickory.

Doris Mae Sigmon, a graduate of the class of 1945, was married to R. Jack Blewins on August 5, 1956 in Hickory.

Miss Sara Marley, of Gastonia, and Mr. Gilbert Heilig, '56, of Mount Pleasant, pledged wedding vows in August. The couple is presently residing in Mount Pleasant.

Miss Elizabeth Rhodes Cromer and Mr. Robert Carswell, both graduates of the class of 1954, were married in August in St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Hickory. Mrs. Carswell is teaching in the South Carolina school system, in Columbia, while her husband is attending Southern Seminary.

Miss Mary Ann Wolfe, '55, and Mr. Dave Wright, '56, were married in formal ceremony in Stoneville, N. C. The couple resides in Greensboro.

Wedding nuptials were recently pledged by Miss Mary Ann Grissom, of Spencer, and Mr. Jackson L. Barringer, of Jacksonville, N. C. Both are graduates of the class of '56.

Miss Margaret Franklin, Columbia, S. C., was recently wed to Keith Troxler, Elon College, N. C. Mrs. Troxler, a member of the '56 class, is teaching in the Hickory city school system. Keith is completing his last year's work at Lenoir Rhyne.

Miss Joanne Frye and Henry Ray Sink were married in Kannapolis this past June. Both are 1956 graduates. Mr. Sink is attending the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary in Columbia, S. C.

Miss Andrea Haugaard, Orlando, Florida, and Mr. Bruce Abernathy, Hickory,

pledged wedding nuptials in June in Orlando. Mrs. Abernathy is a 1956 graduate and is teaching in the Hickory schools while Bruce is completing his senior year at Lenoir Rhyne.

Miss Frances Motsinger, '56, and Mr. William Hansell Jennings, '56, pledged formal wedding vows in August. Bill is enrolled in the Southern Lutheran Seminary.

Miss Imogene Page, '56, was recently married to Mr. Donald Safrit in August. Both are from Landis, N. C. Mrs. Safrit is currently teaching in Hickory while Mr. Safrit is in his junior year here.

Miss Emily Beaver, '55, and Mr. Willie Lee Stirewalt, '56, pledged wedding nuptials in June. Mr. Stirewalt is enrolled as a student in Southern Lutheran Seminary.

Miss Alice Eldora Barnhardt, of Concord, and the Rev. Homer E. Fry, now of Richfield, were married at Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church, in Concord on May 27, 1956. Rev. Fry is a member of the class of '55.

Miss Joanne Todd, of the 1954 commercial class, became the bride of Thomas E. Cartee, of Madison, Tennessee, on August 26, in Winston-Salem. Mr. Cartee is a senior at Tennessee Tech, Cookeville, Tennessee, where the couple will make their home.

Miss Ena Ruthe Finley, '55, and Joseph B. Wakefield, were married June 3 in Alamance.

Mary Lou Hay and Cecil Long were married May 30 in Concord, at the home of the bride. Mrs. Long is a business graduate of 1956.

July 21 was the date of the wedding of Miss Meita Hoke Rhyne, '56, and Ralph Washburn Maynard, Jr. The wedding took place in Hickory.

Miss Thelma F. Bernhard, '54, and J. C. Nesbitt, '55, were married June 24, 1956 in New York City. They are now living in Arden, N. C., where J. C. is working with the General Electric Company in Hendersonville.

Dr. Hilda Whitener Yoder, formerly of Hickory and a 1924 graduate of Lenoir Rhyne, was recently married to Albert Francis Garrou, of Morganton.

Dr. Garrou, having been outstanding in reading clinic work in the vicinity of New York City, received the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Lenoir Rhyne in 1955.

The wedding took place on November 3, in New York City.





Yates K. Warlick, a '56 graduate of Lenoir Rhyne, is presently teaching at Wray Junior High School. Mr. and Mrs. Warlick have announced the birth of a son, Yates Kenneth, Jr., born August 8, 1956, in Shelby Hospital.

Norma Anne and Melford Bolick have announced the birth of a daughter, Melanie Ann, born July 22, 1956. Mrs. Bolick is the former Norma Anne Putnam, a '55 graduate, of Hickory.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Galliher announce the birth of a son, Donald, Jr., June 12, 1956. Mrs. Galliher is the former Jean Cook, '52.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Welch on June 10, at Alamance County Hospital in Burlington, N. C. Mrs. Welch is the former Rebecca Tabor, class of '53.

## SPECIAL CALL DINNER MEETING

E. W. Walton, Jr. president of the Catawba County Alumni Association has announced that there will be a special call dinner meeting in the college dining hall on January 2, 1957. The meeting will officially begin at 7:15 p. m.

This gathering includes all residents of Catawba County who attended Lenoir Rhyne.

President Walton stated that this is to be a very important meeting and has urged that all should make a special effort to attend.

A nominal fee for the dinner will be charged.

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# Campus Briefs

December 12, saw the initial appearance of Lenoir Rhyne's own creative writing and literary publication, the **Hibernator**.

Established by the members of the Lenoir Rhynean Staff, the magazine has been planned as a regular campus publication.



Mu Sigma Epsilon, honorary scholastic order recently inducted six new members into membership. Those selected for their outstanding work in the College Scholastic Program are as follows: Irene Robinson, Hickory; Carolyn Bowman, Hickory; Jack K. Davis, Cheryville; Carolyn Todd, Walhalla, South Carolina; Mary Frances Roberts, Hickory; Shirley Keaton, Charleston, South Carolina; Shirley Hefner, Hickory; and Chloe Allen, Hickory.



Walt Cornwell, alternate captain of the Bear gridiron team was recipient of the coveted Lee Kirby Award. The presentation was made Thursday evening, November 29, at the annual banquet honoring the football team.

Other awards were made to the following: Harold Bullard, Most Valuable; Arden Ray, Best Defensive; Hankie McCrorie, Best Freshman; Dean Cline, Best Blocker; and Bill Dameron, Best Sport.



The Lenoir Rhyne Development Fund has now collected almost \$800,000 of the \$1,500,000 with two-thirds of the 30-month payment period elapsed.

A total of \$1,518,336.33 was subscribed. Around 52% of this or \$791,893.34 has been paid.

The rapidity with which other buildings can be started depends entirely upon the payments received from the subscribers.

A check mailed to the Development Fund, Box 4, Hickory, will mean you, too, can join in this great venture for Lenoir Rhyne.

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## HOOVER WILL REIGN AS MAY QUEEN

A senior combination of Hoover and Hefner will sit on the throne for Lenoir Rhyne's May Day celebration this spring.

Students gave a vote of approval to Miss Margaret Hoover, a pert Charlottean, for

May Queen and selected a Hickoryite, Miss Shirley Hefner, for Maid of Honor.

Other candidates for the beauty title were Trudy Castor, Thelma Ratchford and Ann Krider. Approximately 400 votes were cast in the election.

A primary education major, Margaret Hoover is vice-president of Les Amies sorority and a member of ACE and YWCA. Earlier this year she was named "Miss Sigma Phi Epsilon."

Margaret lists as her special interests music, particularly piano and flute.

Shirley Hefner, a day student, is secretary-treasurer of the student body, president of ACE and was selected to **Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities**. She is a member of Mu Sigma Epsilon and was chaplain of the Junior Class last year.

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## Debaters Post Wins; Wilfong Is Declared Debating Champ

Lenoir Rhyne debaters recorded 13 wins and 11 losses in the Appalachian Forensic Tournament, held December 6 - 8 at Appalachian State Teachers' College.

Besides taking part in six rounds of debate, individual debaters also entered various forensic contests. Anne Wilfong, who received the most points in debating, was declared best debater in both men's and women's divisions and also third place winner in women's problem solving and radio newscasting.

Judith Ford, winner of third place honors in the mixed division, won first place in poetry reading and third in women's after dinner speaking.

Mary Lenoir Cilley came out in second place in women's extempore, Harvey Harris second in men's after dinner speaking, Lewis Brooks second in men's radio newscasting, and Paulwyn Boliek second in men's problem solving.

Speaking of the results, Dr. Albert Keiser, forensic coach, stated: "I think the debaters made a remarkable record, considering the fact that only four of them were experienced and eight were inexperienced."

Students taking part in the debates were Paulwyn Boliek, Anne Wilfong, Mary Lenoir Cilley, Judith Ford, Patricia Beatty, Becky Beatty, Lewis Brooks, Harvey Harris, Harvey Blume, Jean Ball, Betty Sink, and Mary Wise.

Dr. Albert Keiser and Mrs. George Spence accompanied the debaters to the tournament.



## *Bullard Pulls Down Williamson Mid-Bracket All-American Honors*

Harold Bullard, Lenoir Rhyne's ace fullback, was heaped with more honors this week when he pulled down a first string berth on the Williamson's Mid-Bracket All-American squad.

Williamson emphasized that the selection was not a Little All-American team but the players are from colleges mostly with a rating of better than 80.0. He states further that many of them would have made the Big All-American team had they played at a college in the limelight. Several are members of teams that defeated major college squads.

Guard Arden Ray of LR was placed in the special mention list, which included those that barely missed making the first team.

The All-American honor climaxed a brilliant season for the junior fullback from Rockingham.

Other coveted honors claimed by Bullard over the 1956 grid season are Greensboro Daily News All-State; All-Conference (Daily News, Charlotte News, and Winston-Salem Journal); United Press and Daily News "Athletic of the Week"; North State Conference Most Valuable; LR Most Valuable; and the conference's leading scorer and rusher.

Others receiving honorable mention from this section were Lou Biacchi, Catawba quarterback; Charlie Bradshaw, Wofford quarterback; Pete Stout, Catawba fullback; Tommy Lewis, Western Carolina halfback; and Walt Cornwell, LR halfback.

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### LENOIR RHYNE 1956-57 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

| <u>Date</u>  | <u>Opponent</u>          | <u>Place</u> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------|
| Dec. 1—  | Belmont Abbey.....       | Hickory      |
| Dec. 4—  | Newberry.....            | Newberry     |
| Dec. 6—  | Pfeiffer.....            | Misenheimer  |
| Dec. 8—  | Belmont Abbey.....       | Belmont      |
| Dec. 12—   | Pfeiffer .....           | Hickory      |
| Dec. 14—   | Atlantic Christian*..... | Wilson       |
| Dec. 15—   | Eastern Carolina*.....   | Greenville   |
| Jan. 5—  | Elon*.....               | Elon         |
| Jan. 10—   | Western Carolina*.....   | Hickory      |
| Jan. 12—   | Appalachian*.....        | Boone        |
| Jan. 16—   | Catawba*.....            | Salisbury    |
| Jan. 19—   | Eastern Carolina*.....   | Hickory      |
| Jan. 26—   | Newberry .....           | Hickory      |
| Feb. 2—  | High Point*.....         | Hickory      |
| Feb. 4—  | Guilford* .....          | Guilford     |
| Feb. 6—  | Western Carolina*.....   | Cullowhee    |
| Feb. 19—   | Appalachian*.....        | Hickory      |
| Feb. 12—   | Atlantic Christian*..... | Hickory      |
| Feb. 14—   | Guilford*.....           | Hickory      |
| Feb. 16—   | Catawba*.....            | Hickory      |
| Feb. 21—   | Elon*.....               | Hickory      |
| Feb. 23—   | High Point*.....         | High Point   |
| Feb. 27-28 - March 1-2—Conference Tournament-Lexington |                          |              |
| *Conference Games.                                     |                          |              |